



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

SPOTSYLVANIA GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

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Order

This order is entered in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Virginia Supreme Court order dated May 6, 2020 extending the state of judicial emergency. Effective Monday, May 18, 2020 through Sunday June 7, 2020, the Spotsylvania County General District Court does hereby order as follows:

1. The Clerk's office remains open to receive and process filings, but physical access is limited to staff.
2. All matters will now be heard as scheduled, but with certain restrictions and under certain conditions. Bond hearings will be heard by video only.
3. In the interest of public health and safety concerns, an in-person hearings are limited to attorneys, parties, necessary witnesses, security officers and court personnel. All others must ask for and receive permission from the court before being allowed entry.
4. Six-foot physical distancing will be maintained in hallways and courtrooms so be mindful that the courtrooms can only accommodate a limited number of people.
5. Litigants and witnesses will be admitted to the building on a limited basis according to their time on the docket or on a case by case basis, depending upon the waiting room and courtroom capacity.
6. Wearing a face mask in the courtroom is required in the General District Court.
7. Request for telephone/polycom/webex hearings are encouraged and may be scheduled through the clerk's office.

8. All entrants must answer the standard COVID 19 inquires before being allowed to enter the building.

Entered this 13th day of May 2020.

Richard Tyler McGrath, Judge
Spotsylvania General District Court